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MOUNTED POLICE LEADERS . . . Top officers of the Torrance Mounted Police do a little loafing around the Madras Avenue corral. From left are John Burnett, lieutenant; Gus Cochrane, captain; and Darrell Pickens, secretary-treasurer. The Mounted Police serve as a ready reserve for the Torrance Police Department. The unit is a popular Southern California parade entry and has brought home many outstanding trophies. (Press-Herald Photo by Hal Fisher)

Mayor Wants Topless Issue on City Ballot

Ryan Facilities To Be Extension For Long Beach

Expansion of facilities in Torrance to meet growing production requirements of its Aircraft Division was announced yesterday by the Douglas Aircraft Co. The announcement confirmed reports published in the Press-Herald a week ago.

Jackson McGowen, Douglas group vice president-aircraft, confirmed that the 38-acre Ryan Aeronautical Co. facility at 2750 Lomita Blvd. had been leased and will be operated as an extension of the Division's Long Beach plant. The same Division operates the huge plant at 190th Street and Western Avenue.

The 288,700-square-foot facility acquired from Ryan will be used primarily for administrative and tooling activities in connection with the Division's DC-8 and DC-9 commercial transport programs. Douglas currently is building four models of the four-engine DC-8 jetliner and two versions of the twinjet DC-9.

Jobs at the new Torrance facility will be filled by hiring 300 to 400 employees and by reassignment of personnel.

In addition, the work force at the Division's Long Beach facility, where the DC-8s and DC-9s are final assembled, will be expanded by 2,000.

Aircraft Division employment totals 33,300. Of this total, 28,000 are at Long Beach, 300 are at Palmdale and 5,000 are at the 190th St. and Western Ave. plant. Company-wide employment is 62,500.

McGowen said the company also has reached an agreement with the Air Force to manage all of Site 3 at Palmdale's Air Force Plant 42, adding about 190,000 square feet to the Douglas-operated area there.

The additional space at Palmdale is required for two company programs: the Navy-Marine Corps A-4E strike airplane and the TA-4E, a two-seat version of the A-4E. Employment there will be increased by about 400 persons.



MAYOR ALBERT ISEN
Says No to Go Go

Isen Asks for Charter Ban on Go Go Attire

An amendment to the city charter which would ban topless outfits in public places was proposed by Mayor Albert Isen last night. It was immediately tagged the "Go Go Amendment."

Isen, in remarks which he described as "the most important I've made in 10 1/2 years as mayor," asked City Councilmen to submit the proposal to the electorate at the April 12 municipal election.

His request to have City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier draft the amendment for consideration by the council won unanimous endorsement. The proposed amendment will be submitted to the council Tuesday, Feb. 1, at a 5:30 p.m. meeting.

Isen said he realized that a charter amendment is a novel way to deal with the problem and predicted overwhelming passage of the proposed amendment if it is placed on the ballot.

"THE IMPACT of their vote against 'topless' will be heard and heeded in Sacramento," he declared.

Amendments to the city charter must be approved by the State Legislature, Isen explained, and such an amendment will force Sacramento to "respond and clarify home rule on this issue once and for all."

Torrance presently has an ordinance banning the topless attire in public places. It was enacted last year when the city took steps to close the Pussy Cat A Go Go, first of the topless bars to open in this area.

WHILE THE city was successful in its efforts then, Isen said, questions about the validity of the ordinance had been raised.

The questions involve home rule and the state preempted the field, thereby making local laws invalid? — and moral standards — does the law reflect the moral standards of Torrance?

Both questions can be resolved, Isen said, by passage of the charter amendment, thus forcing the state to take a position.

"This will put it on a state level," Councilman Ken Miller commented. "It has greater (Continued on A-2)

Electorate To Decide Pay Issue

City Councilmen finally have agreed on a form for a much talked about charter amendment which would substantially increase their own salaries.

The pay hike won unanimous approval from councilmen last night and will be on the ballot at the April 12 municipal election as two amendments to the city charter.

One amendment will call for a salary of \$400 per month for the mayor, while the second proposal calls for \$300 per month for each of the councilmen — excluding the mayor.

EACH COUNCILMAN, including the mayor, currently receives \$100 per month — a figure which will be retained for the mayor if his salary is not raised and the remainder of the salaries are hiked. The same feature will apply to councilmen if their raise is defeated and the mayor's pay is approved.

If adopted, the measures will become effective April 13, 1966, provided they are approved by the State Legislature.

COUNCILMEN also completed action on two ordinances which will substantially increase salaries paid the city clerk and city treasurer. Both ordinances were approved by the State Legislature.

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Vocational Education

Board Seeks Support For Regional Center

Torrance school officials will attempt to find out what surrounding school districts think about a co-operative vocational center.

In a letter to be sent to superintendents of seven area school districts, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance schools, will seek to determine the chances for opening a vocational center supported by the entire region.

The letter was approved Monday by the Torrance Board of Education.

TORRANCE has proposed the establishment of a vocational education center on a

10-acre site which is expected to be turned over to the local schools by the U. S. Navy. Such a center would offer comprehensive vocational training for both high school students and adults.

Trustee Bert M. Lynn, who has opposed the Feb. 8 bond election because of funds included for the proposed vocational center, said he fears Torrance will build the center while "everyone else uses it."

Lynn continued, "I want to put together a broad tax base package so everybody can go in at once."

SOME TRUSTEES expressed fears that the letter is "premature," since the district has not yet acquired title to the Navy site. Those fears, however, were overcome, when Dr. Hull explained he merely wanted to begin the process of establishing co-operation among area school districts.

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Councilmen Want Votes Explained

Should a councilman explain his reason when he abstains on a vote?

Five Torrance councilmen thought so and as a result adopted policy statement calling on members to explain future abstentions.

Councilman Ken Miller raised the issue, saying he felt the public is entitled to know why an elected representative chooses to abstain on a particular issue.

Dissenting votes were cast by David K. Lyman and J. A. Beasley. Lyman argued it was his right to give or not give a reason for a particular vote.

"I have never heard of any parliamentary body where one was forced to take a position," Lyman said.

Beasley said his vote was "between me and my conscience." He added, "I was elected to represent the people of Torrance and the council can't tell me how to vote."

Suit Asked In Pricing Conspiracy

Members of the Torrance Board of Education have asked State Attorney General Thomas Lynch to represent the Torrance Schools in a legal action involving charges of price-fixing.

The request stems from an investigation by Lynch's office into an alleged conspiracy to fix prices for metal library shelving in the state.

Torrance schools purchased about \$15,000 worth of the shelving during the time involved, according to S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of schools for business.

Lynch will represent several school districts throughout California in the legal action, seeking to recover overcharges for the schools.

MIKE YOUNG HONORED AS CARRIER OF MONTH

A Press-Herald carrier who began delivering newspapers in late November has completed his first full month on the job by winning top honors as the December "Carrier of the Month."

Mike Young, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Young of 5110 Patrick St., was named winner of the December Junior Dealer contest by Press-Herald Circulation Manager Darrell Westcott.

Mike, who was born in an Inglewood hospital, has lived in Torrance all his life, as has his 13-year-old sister, Debbie. Both youngsters attend Flavian Elementary School.

Coin and rock collecting are Mike's favorite hobbies, although he does like to read "once in a while." As a rock collector, Mike likes to work with his grandfather, Melvin Lee of Utah, and enjoys trips to the Utah desert to search for unusual rocks. He also has a small rock garden in the backyard of the family home.

Westcott, in announcing Young's selection for carrier honors, praised Mike for his

quick, efficient, and courteous service and his efforts to increase the number of subscribers on his Press-Herald route.



MIKE YOUNG

Largest in Nation

City to Host Scout Parade

One of the largest Boy Scout Week parades in the nation will be staged in Torrance Saturday, Feb. 5, by the Los Angeles Area Council's South Bay Section.

More than 5,000 Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, and Scout leaders will participate in the giant parade, according to Walter R. Koenig, Torrance Chief of Police and chairman of the parade steering committee, said today.

The parade will move along the traditional Torrance Boulevard route, beginning at 10:30 a.m., accompanied by 15 high school,

military, and youth bands, Chief Koenig said.

SPECIAL guests will include the mayors of the 13 Southwestern area cities, members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and executives from the Los Angeles Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Representing the Scout council will be John K. Sloan, first vice president; A. C. Joub, T. Tweedy, Southwest Savings and Loan, administrative co-chairman; Charles Cederly, Glendale Savings and Loan, co-ordination co-chairman; Dr. Robert Mor-

All floats will depict the general theme, "Scouting Is America." Eighteen rosettes and three trophies will be awarded to outstanding floats, bands, and other parade units.

MORE THAN 7,000 persons participated in the parade last year, which was witnessed by an estimated 10,000 persons.

Parade chairmen include Joub, Tweedy, Southwest Savings and Loan, administrative co-chairman; Charles Cederly, Glendale Savings and Loan, co-ordination co-chairman; Dr. Robert Mor-

ton, Torrance Unified School District, bands; Edward Talbert, Imperial Bank, special groups, and Col. Paul Noel, USMC, military co-ordination.

Other chairmen are George Post, United California Bank, special guests; Ronald Balt, Crocker-Citizens Bank, transportation; David Halstead, Spraker and Halstead Construction Co., finance, and Bill Giborowski, representing the city of Torrance, city liaison.

William Bordeaux of the Garrett AirResearch Manufacturing Co. is publicity chairman.

Killers Get Life Terms

Two men found guilty by a jury in the slaying of a Torrance area service station operator were sentenced to life in prison Monday when they appeared before Superior Court Judge J. Howard Ziemann. Buddy Arthur Boggs, 26, of Harbor City, and Ernest McKinney, 28, of Los Angeles, were sentenced for the bludgeoning slaying of Napoleon J. Gaudre, 27, who was found in his home at 2134 Orick Ave. on June 6 when Firestone Sheriff's deputies went to tell him his service station at 2052 Vermont Ave. had been ransacked. Sentenced to a life term earlier on his guilty plea was Albert P. Gilhouse, 23, of Wilmington.

Freeway Meeting Called

Community leaders in Harbor City and Lomita will meet tonight to discuss a united stand on the routing of the proposed Pacific Coast Freeway through the area. The meeting has been called by the Narbonne Coordinating Council for 7:30 at the Gateway National Bank building, Pacific Coast Highway and Narbonne Avenue. Residents of the area will be joined by representatives of the Harbor City and Lomita chambers of commerce and the Lomita City Council.

Registration Week Set

The week of Feb. 10 through 17 has been proclaimed as "Voter Registration Week" in Torrance by Mayor Albert Isen. The mayor noted Feb. 17 is the last day on which prospective voters may register if they wish to vote in the April 12 municipal election. Intensive voter registration campaigns will be conducted throughout the city during the week in an effort to register all eligible voters.